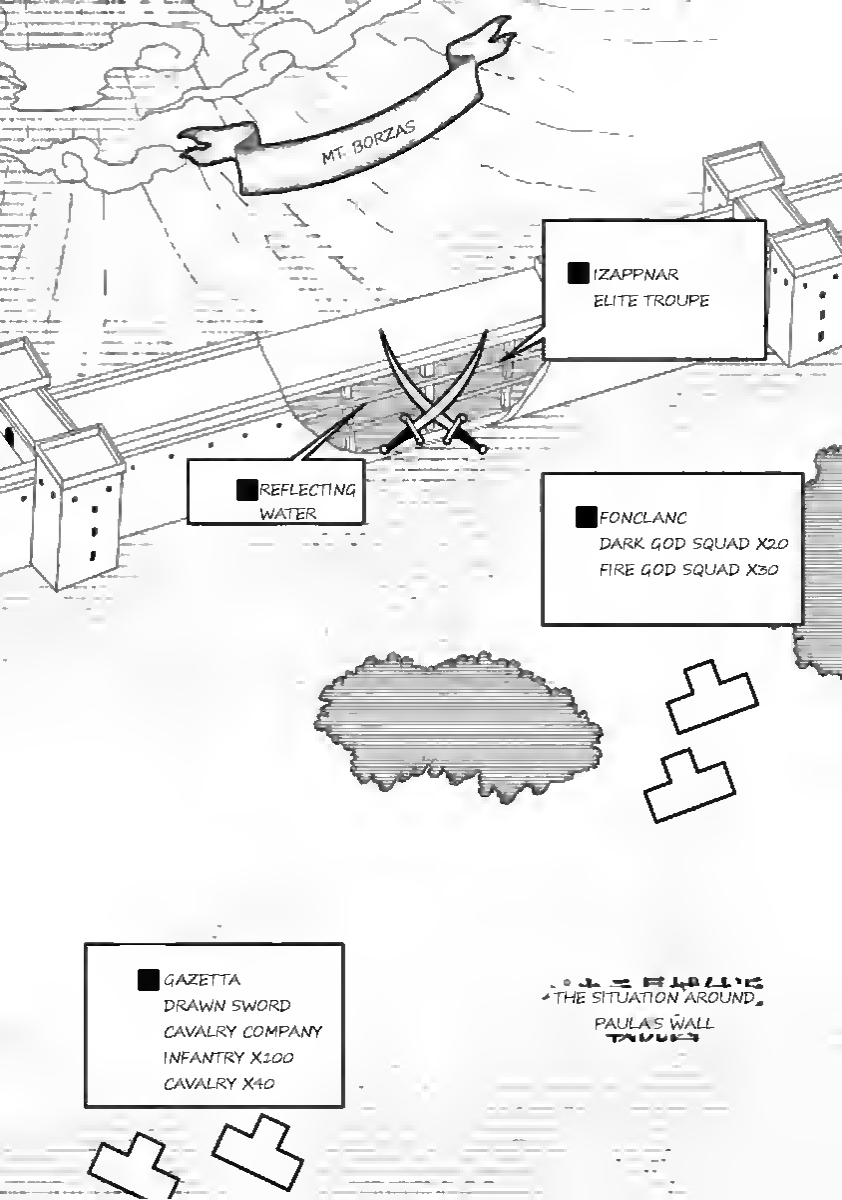
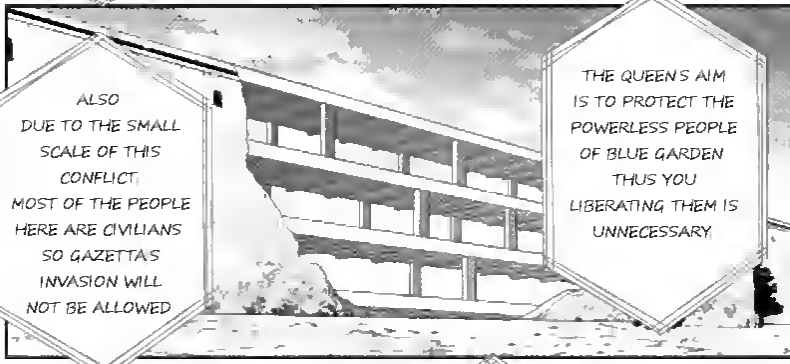


THE SITUATION AROUND PAULA'S WALL

WE ARE THE DRAWN SWORD CAVALRY COMPANY OF GAZETTA!
WE HAVE COME UNDER KING SHINHA'S ORDERS TO ASSIST YUUSUKE, THE HERO OF GEAR HAWK!
KING SHINHA? HE WAS A KING?!
CAPTAIN,
DO YOU THINK THEY EVEN KNOW ABOUT THE SITUATION?
I WONDER...
WE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF HELPING REFLECTING WATER CAPTURE PAULA EVEN WITHOUT THEIR HELP.
YEAH...
AND THERE'S THE FACT THAT AN UNKNOWN FORCE JOINING THE BATTLE WILL JUST MAKE IT ALL MORE CHAOTIC!

HELPING
HUFFF
IT WOULD BE PREFERRED IF YOUR FORMATION JUST STAYED AS IT IS
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, BUT WE DON'T WISH TO NEEDLESSLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES
WE ARE HERE TO LIBERATE OUR BRETHREN FROM BLUE GARDEN AND WE WILL ACT ON OUR OWN!
WHILE WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST SIR YUUSUKE, WE CANNOT COMPLY WITH THAT REQUEST!
WHILE THEY'RE CLAIMING TO BE HERE TO HELP YOU,
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY'RE REALLY JUST TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR INTERVENTION TO INVADE
...THIS SEEMS FISHY
YES. THEY'RE RATHER OBSTINATE...

I AM ZESHALD OF REFLECTING WATER, AN ORGANIZATION LOYAL TO THE QUEEN.


ALSO, DUE TO THE SMALL SCALE OF THIS CONFLICT, MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE CIVILIANS SO GAZETTA'S INVASION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
THE QUEEN'S AIM IS TO PROTECT THE POWERLESS PEOPLE OF BLUE GARDEN, THUS YOU LIBERATING THEM IS UNNECESSARY.

REFLECTING WATER WILL NOT RECOGNIZE GAZETTA AS FONCLANC'S REINFORCEMENTS.
LOOKS LIKE THEY THINK THE SAME

C-CAPTAIN!
THIS IS BECOMING A MESS...
THE QUEEN'S PROTECTION IS ALSO IRRELEVANT AS WE INTEND TO LIBERATE ANY OF OUR BRETHREN THAT BELONG TO HER AS WELL
WE ARE HERE TO LIBERATE OUR BRETHREN, SO BLUE GARDEN'S CLAIMS ARE IRRELEVANT
NO, THAT'S
BLUE GARDEN'S REINFORCE-MENTS?
A NEW UNIT HAS APPEARED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL!
THE QUEEN'S BANNER
I AM RISHALEUS TOULLE, QUEEN OF BLUE GARDEN!

OOH, IT'S THE QUEEN!
BUT GAZETTA'S INVASION WILL BE MET WITH RESISTANCE!
I WILL ACCEPT FONCLANC'S INTERVENTION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS
IZAPPNAR!
DO NOT ALLOW FONCLANC'S AND GAZETTA'S INVASION!
WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE?
EVERYTHING'S IN DISORDER
CEASE YOUR FIGHTING IMMEDIATELY!
IZAPPNAR, PULL BACK YOUR TROOPS! THE EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS IS TO TAKE TOP PRIORITY!
OUR QUEEN DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION! COMRADES WE MUST FIGHT OFF THESE ENEMIES!

I CAN SEE WE'RE ONE MISTAKE AWAY FROM A MASSIVE FIGHT
YUUSUKE THE SITUATION HAS TURNED RATHER TROUBLE SOME
THAT'S NOT IT.
THE QUEEN'S FORCES
BY HELPING YOU, RESCUING THE POWERLESS PEOPLE IN BLUE GARDEN, AND DEALING HEAVY DAMAGE TO DIVINE ARTISTS
THEY'LL CAUSE ALL THE OTHER POWERLESS PEOPLE TO RISE UP AGAINST THEIR OPPRESSORS AND FLOCK TO GAZETTA INCREASING ITS POWER
GAZETTA'S ONLY CHOSEN TO SHOW UP FOR THE SAKE OF ANNOUNCING THEIR PRESENCE TO THE WORLD
AT THIS RATE ESVOBUS' GOAL CAN'T BE ACHIEVED AND WE WON'T BE IN A GOOD POSITION EITHER

PRIORITIZE THE WOUNDED! DON'T MOVE TOO FAR OUT!
ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE LINE NEAR THE EDGE OF THE WALL AND DON'T LET THOSE ELITES PASS!
IF GAZETTA'S INVASION ISN'T STOPPED, WE CAN'T DEAL WITH BLUE GARDEN'S INTERNAL STRIFE
EVEN IF WE COULD DEAL WITH IT, WE'D BE AT WAR WITH FONCLANC
IT'D BE HARD TO COMBINE FORCES TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST GAZETTA
NOT ONLY DO BOTH COUNTRIES CONFLICT OVER MANY ISSUES, GAZETTA IS INTENSIFYING THOSE CONFLICTS

KING SHINHA'S AIM IS TO UPSET THE WORLD'S POWER BALANCE WITH THE POWERLESS PEOPLE
AND THEN THERE'S YUUSUKE
AFTER THIS BATTLE THE HERO OF GEAR HAWK WILL BE AN ENEMY TO THE DIVINE ARTISTS
FONCLANC WILL LIKELY TREAT HIM AS A TRAITOR AND PUNISH HIM AS SUCH TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES
IF HE ACCEPTS THAT PUNISHMENT OR RESISTS AND ULTIMATELY DIES, THEN HE WASN'T WORTH CARING ABOUT
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BUT IF HE LIVES AND SEEKS REFUGE IN GAZETTA'
WE'RE READY TO SORTIE!

ALRIGHT, START WITH THE WIND ART ASSISTANCE
GAZETTA'S ARMY HAS BEGUN MOVING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WIND ARTS!
SO THEY'RE STARTING THE INVASION
WHILE THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO LIBERATE THE POWERLESS PEOPLE...
THE FACT THAT THEY'RE HERE TO HELP YOU IS A PROBLEM!
YOU DID ANNOUNCE THE PLAN TO PROTECT THE POWERLESS PEOPLE IN SANCADIET AFTER ALL
THIS WILL CAUSE EVERY DIVINE ARTIST IN THE WORLD TO VIEW THE POWERLESS PEOPLE AND YOU AS THREATS
THEY'RE PROBABLY TRYING TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE YOU'LL BE FORCED TO RUN AWAY TO GAZETTA
WHAT THE HELL?! WHY'S THIS HAPPENING TO THE CAPTAIN?!
D-DON'T BLAME ME FOR IT!
CALM DOWN FONKE

U-UM, CAPTAIN, THAT MAN SEEMS TO BE OVER THERE...
REALLY?
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE'D PULL THIS SORT OF THING...
STILL, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S ALL SURPRISING, BUT NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT...
SHINHA! IF YOU'RE THERE PULL YOUR ARMY OUT OF HERE!
HMPH...
JUST KEEP ADVANCING.
WE CAN DISCUSS THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE POWERLESS PEOPLE'S CONDITIONS ELSEWHERE!
IN THE END HE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THEM.

THEY'RE MOVING!
TSK ALREADY? THAT'S NOT FAIR...
THAT'S HOW DIPLOMACY AND WARFARE WORK
CAPTAIN, WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
DON'T SCREW WITH ME...

CAPTAIN?
SO MUCH FOR LENDING ME YOUR STRENGTH
SO BEING UNFAIR IS NORMAL IN WARFARE AND DIPLOMACY?
THAT'S JUST PERFECT!

I'LL SHOW YOU JUST HOW UNFAIR THINGS CAN GET!
VORMAL, SECURE THE AREA AROUND ME!
I DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING IN MY WAY!
CAPTAIN?
ROGER!

HIVODIR, GO SURROUND GAZETTA'S ARMY AND KEEP THEM DISTRACTED FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.
I ONLY HAVE 30 PEOPLE. THEY'VE GOT 100 INFANTRY MEN OVER THERE!
T-THEY OUTNUMBER ME TOO HEAVILY!
...BUT I SUPPOSE I'M A CAPABLE MAN. I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!
!FOCA, CONTACT REFLECTING WATER
AND TELL THEM TO EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN!
Y-YES!
I SEE. SO ALL THIS CHAOS MEANS THERE WON'T BE ANY INTERFERENCE!
BUT JUST WHAT IS HE PLANNING?
...MM!

SO YOU'RE MAKING YOUR MOVE YUUSUKE!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE A GAMER, SHINHA!
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